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**From:** Wall, Tom  
**Sent:** Thur 4/14/2016 10:24:09 PM  
**Subject:** FW: 1 FW: FYI- Concern re: EPA subaward to What's Upstream website

In subsequent emails, we've confirmed not 319 or base NEP funds, seems to be Puget Sound geographic funds or match to those funds

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From Senator Robert's statement below:

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – U.S. Senator Pat Roberts, R-Kan., Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, today released the following statement regarding an anti-agriculture billboard in Washington state funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

"This disturbing billboard is a bold example of exactly what America's farmers and ranchers complain about all the time: the EPA has an agenda antagonistic to producers. Whether it's overly burdensome and costly regulations or something as obvious as this this malicious billboard, the EPA has much to answer for in maligning those that grow the food and fiber to feed the world. Our farmers and ranchers are stewards of the land and want to see our natural resources protected as much as any other American.

"While there are legal concerns with the lack of disclosure of EPA's involvement, the billboard is another example of EPA's improper practice of encouraging the lobbying of legislators. How and why the EPA has allowed taxpayer dollars to be used to attack any industry, including our vital agriculture producers, demands answers."

**From:** Flahive, Katie  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2016 4:19 PM  
**To:** Wall, Tom <Wall.Tom@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: 1 FW: FYI- Concern re: EPA subaward to What's Upstream website

There are now five emails I'll send, here's 1

**From:** Flahive, Katie  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 07, 2016 1:05 PM  
**To:** Hall, Lynda <Hall.Lynda@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** 1 FW: FYI- Concern re: EPA subaward to What's Upstream website

I'm going to forward a couple of these emails. Donna has reached out to me and Erika I think

because she wasn't sure who to reach out to in OW.

This is email 1, the Ag advisor in Region 10 alerting Ron to the hot topic. There are four emails I will send you .

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**From:** Perla, Donna

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2016 3:12 PM

**To:** Flahive, Katie <[Flahive.Katie@epa.gov](mailto:Flahive.Katie@epa.gov)>; Larsen, Erika <[Larsen.Erika@epa.gov](mailto:Larsen.Erika@epa.gov)>

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**From:** Gockel, Catherine

**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2016 6:41 PM

**To:** Carleton, Ron <[Carleton.Ron@epa.gov](mailto:Carleton.Ron@epa.gov)>

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Hi Ron,

I wanted to make sure that you are aware of a hot topic in Region 10:

Agricultural groups in Washington and Idaho have expressed concern with a public outreach and education campaign on agriculture and non-point source pollution conducted by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community in Northwest Washington. This campaign is funded under a large Puget Sound National Estuary Program (NEP) grant to the Tribal Lead Organization (the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission) through a subaward to the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. See <http://whatsupstream.com/>.

A website "SaveFamilyFarming.org" has been established that rebuts statements and assertions made in the Whatsupstream.com website and specifically raises questions or draws note to EPA's award and subaward practices. See <http://www.savefamilyfarming.org/>.

Press coverage: <http://www.capitalpress.com/Washington/20160324/federally-funded-website-hits-at-washington-farmers>

Statement from US Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kansas, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry):  
[http://www.roberts.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=PressReleases&ContentRecord\\_id=791B30D9-1C0E-45E7-890D-ADB3D7E0BC8D](http://www.roberts.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=PressReleases&ContentRecord_id=791B30D9-1C0E-45E7-890D-ADB3D7E0BC8D)

Also, I will be transitioning out of my Acting Ag Advisor role at the end of the week. Steven Potokar will be Region 10's next Acting Ag Advisor, and will participate in the weekly calls. It's been a pleasure working with you.

## Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Best regards,

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